

Let Jesus Show!

The nativity scene with all its characters was in place, as the children (representing angels), gathered around the manger. They sang: *'Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will among men'*. Suddenly a small girl on the edge of the crowd, who couldn't see what was going on, shouted out, *'Let Jesus show!'*

At Christmas time, we want to *let Jesus show*, in our churches, communities and lives. We have an amazing message to share: *'in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord'* (Luke 2:10). It was to the shepherds, apart from His parents, that Jesus was first showed.

The filthy, hardworking shepherds, living in the fields with their flock of dirty animals, were unlikely candidates for this honour. By the nature of their work, they had the status of migrant workers. Yet this underlines for us that the good news of Christmas is for everyone, irrespective of social standing, background, race or gender.

No doubt these simple shepherds would have had no idea of what the names given to Jesus fully meant (ie Saviour, Messiah and Lord). All they needed to know, and all we need to know, is that God has done something unique in coming to earth as a human being. This is good news of great joy for everybody!

After worshipping the child, the shepherds returned to their normal routine. However, they would never be the same again! Even though their work and social standing were unchanged, they had a message to share and let Jesus show. Although we don't normally see angels, we have the same good news to share! When Christmas is over and we're back to our normal routines, how will we *let Jesus show* in our lives?

Please consider joining us at one of our Christmas Celebrations as we remember and worship 'Jesus shown' – you will be most welcome!

With love and many blessings for you and your family at this Christmas tide,

Your Rector,

Reverend Mandy

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